

## COMPETITION IN CONNECTIONS – OUR PROGRESS TO DATE

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- **730 connections quoted to date.**
- **142 connections completed and adopted by NIE.**
- **77 connections currently being worked on, at various stages.**
- **In excess of 400 customers turned away as not financially viable for an ICP under current procedures.**

## ELECTRICITYWORX DISCUSSIONS TO DATE

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- Following a meeting with the regulator on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019 we provided a presentation to discuss our proposals to make it more viable for Electricity Worx to continue within the connection market.
- Electricity Worx met with the regulator in January 2020 to discuss the NIE presentation released on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019. We highlighted concerns about the presentation and that we cannot continue to operate this way due to it not being financially feasible.
- Although from the offset we have endeavoured to be ICP of choice within NIE but unfortunately 24 months into the process we may be unable to continue under the current limitations set by NIE regarding the final LV connection.

## LOW VOLTAGE FINAL CONNECTION

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- Under the current restrictions imposed by NIEN, the underground low voltage connections up to and including 200 metres in length make it unfeasible for a customer to use an Independent Connection Provider (ICP). This is due to the additional cost that NIEN charge as a result of having to carry out the final connection to the existing LV network. This final connection is imperative to allow sustainability for competition within the connections industry.
- Considering that we already have live connection accreditations within NIE on our current jointing framework and the rest of the UK, we see ourselves as suitable candidates for taking on these final connections on the LV systems

*We would like to see a process put in place allowing us to use our live accreditations to complete all low voltage connection energisations in Northern Ireland. This is fundamental to the future of the ICP market*

## IMPACT ON COMPETITION IN CONNECTIONS

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- Our proposals will increase the number of connections that are financially viable for ICPs to carryout and attract more ICPs to Northern Ireland, specifically for low voltage connections.
- These proposals will also lead to an improvement in connection times for consumers.